

He has served in a wide variety of community positions, including mayor and City Council member of Colton, a member of the California State Water Commission, member and former president of the National Orange Show board of directors, chairman of the National Orange Show Foundation and St. Bernardine Hospital Foundation. He was president of the Inland Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America and chairman of the Water Resources Institute at California State University, San Bernardino. He was appointed to the statewide California Advisory Council on Economic Development and the Commission of California's advisory council.

Over the years, Martin Match has been honored with many awards, including the Engineering Honor Award by his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, and Citizen of the Year by both the San Bernardino Board of Realtors and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Speaker, it would be hard to imagine someone who is more exemplary of the designation community leader than Martin Match. His 75 years in the Inland Empire have made his hometown community—and mine—a better place to live and work. Please join me in congratulating him on his 75th birthday, and wishing him and his wife Evelyn the best in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROSH HASHANAH—THE JEWISH NEW YEAR

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. SHAW Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year. As with the secular new year, Rosh Hashanah is often a time of resolutions. Jews from around the world reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the year to come with a sense of renewal and of hope. According to tradition, on Rosh Hashanah the Book of Life is opened and observers are given a chance to atone for the sins and weaknesses of the past year.

As we approach the anniversary of September 11th, I hope that we can all join together with our Jewish neighbors and friends in the same spirit of solemn reflection. While we look back upon the extraordinary year that has passed, let us resolve to adopt our own resolutions of "tikkun" or healing. We honor the age old Jewish tradition of making amends with each other and repenting for the hurts and misunderstandings that we have caused one another through the year.

While Jewish communities gather and recommit themselves to God and to each other during this holiday season, let us take a page from this ancient religion's teachings and strive to live by the tenant that we should avoid doing to others that which we deem hateful to ourselves. The world would most certainly be a safer and more peaceful place if we strived to achieve this goal.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Rosh Hashanah and wish all who observe a safe and happy holiday.

INTRODUCING THE "CHANCE TO SUCCEED ACT"

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. STARK Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Chance to Succeed Act." This legislation is aimed at helping disabled Americans and those struggling with barriers to employment move from welfare to work. I'm proud to be joined in this effort by 43 of my colleagues. I'm also thankful to Senators Wellstone and Kennedy, who are working to pass companion legislation in the Senate.

Too many Americans find themselves trapped on welfare because of a disability. Others are simply ill equipped to overcome very real barriers that stand in the way of achieving meaningful employment.

The "Chance to Succeed Act" creates broad new guidelines for states to better serve the needs of the disabled and the severely disadvantaged. It empowers states to improve employment opportunity for welfare recipients with physical and mental disabilities. It also addresses other proven barriers to employment, such as a low level of education, limited English proficiency, and domestic abuse among others.

A recent General Accounting Office (GAO) study found that welfare recipients with disabilities were half as likely to leave the welfare rolls compared to recipients without impairments. The same GAO study found disabled recipients who did move off welfare were much less likely to gain employment.

An Urban Institute study found that 46 percent of welfare recipients that returned to welfare were in poor mental or physical health. The same Urban Institute Study found that 38 percent of welfare recipients that returned to welfare had less than a high school education. Perhaps most disturbing is a Wisconsin Study that found that 30 percent of welfare recipients responding to their survey reported that they had been fired or lost a job because of domestic abuse.

My bill provides a framework for states to institute new screening and assessment programs that identify and provide specialized services to these recipients. It encourages them to create individual "personal responsibility plans" that outline goals necessary for each recipient to obtain stable employment. It also provides funding for state-level advisory panels to evaluate and improve these efforts. And it allows States to follow through with this process without being penalized under current Federal work requirements.

Some states have already taken steps along these lines. This bill continues to give states flexibility to determine how best to meet the goals set out in this legislation. This is critical in giving families the tools they need to meet the individual challenges they face. By making clear that involvement in state programs tailored toward employment barriers will be counted as a work activity, states can fully follow through in this critical effort.

Please join me in supporting the "Chance to Succeed Act" to provide new hope and opportunity to Americans struggling to lift themselves out of poverty.

HONORING THE LIVES OF JOHN WALTER REDFUD AND PETER DAUTERIVE

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, this past August, two distinguished citizens and close friends of mine passed away. I would like to honor their lives by submitting their obituaries into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN WALTER REDFUD

John Walter Redfud, born September 20, 1914, in Houston, Texas, was the second of four children born to John Walter Redfud, Sr., and Lillie Livingston Redfud. His parents, sister (Kathryn) and brothers, (Augustus and Paul) preceded him in death. He was reared in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He graduated from Second Ward High School.

John graduated in 1938 from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with a B.S. in Liberal Arts. In 1947 he received a M.A. Degree from the University of Southern California (U.S.C.) and an Accreditation for School Administration from California State University.

As a college student, John sang in the mixed glee club. He was a talented athlete, lettering in two sports for three years. In his senior year, he was captain of his football team and co-captain of his basketball team. In 1990 he was inducted into the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame for both sports.

Later, he assisted the Los Angeles Kappa Chapter in earning many trophies during the early years of Inter-Fraternal Basketball Tournaments.

After graduation from Southern University, John was employed for four years as a classroom teacher and coach of the football and basketball teams of Central High School in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Two of his football teams were State champions. He also coached football and basketball at Webster Parish High School in Louisiana.

John arrived in California in 1943 where his employment included: service as a Deputy Probation Officer (recurrent) for ten years; counselor for the California Youth Authority, Juvenile Hall and Avalon Community Center; and various assignments in the field of education.

He retired in 1983 as principal of Adult Education in the Compton Unified School District after thirty-three years, seventeen of those years as a classroom teacher at Willowbrook Junior High and Centennial High School and sixteen in Adult Education Administration. (Note: John Redfud's ability to remember names was phenomenal. His participation in the first three years of the graduation ceremonies at Centennial High School would show case this remarkable ability. He called each graduate to come forth and receive their diploma by their name without the use of any notes or papers.)

He taught principles of Adult Education for the University of California at Los Angeles, (UCLA) extension and received the Freedom Foundation Award from Valley Forge Pennsylvania for classroom teaching.

A devout Catholic, John was previously a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, serving as an usher for twenty years, and was a member of St. Peter Claver, serving two years as president. He joined St. Eugene Church in 1975.

On August 10, 1944, John married Genevieve Taylor, his beloved wife of fifty-eight